

We claim:

1. An image capturing device, comprising:
a main body;
a camera-back display located on a back region of said main body and adapted to display a captured image in a display area; and
a status display provided within said display area of said camera-back display and adapted to display status information of said image capturing device.
2. The image capturing device of claim 1, wherein said status display comprises a picture-in-picture display within said camera-back display.
3. The image capturing device of claim 1, further comprising a status display control device located on said back region that controls a position of said status display within said camera-back display.
4. The image capturing device of claim 1, further comprising a status display control device located on said back region that controls a size of said status display within said camera-back display.
5. The image capturing device of claim 1, further comprising a status display control device located on said back region that enables and disables said status display.

6. The image capturing device of claim 1, wherein said status display control device comprises a four-way rocker switch that controls horizontal and vertical movements of said status display within said camera-back display.

7. The image capturing device of claim 1, wherein said status display control device comprises a five-way rocker switch that controls horizontal and vertical movements of said status display within said camera-back display, and said five-way rocker switch further comprises a center press input switch that toggles an enable state of said status display when pressed.

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8. An image capturing device, comprising:

a camera-back display;

a status display control device capable of accepting user inputs and controlling a status display within said camera-back display;

a memory including a status information storage area comprising one or more status information items of said image capturing device and a picture-in-picture routine capable of generating said status display; and

a processor communicating with said camera-back display, said status display control device, and said memory, and wherein said processor receives said user inputs and generates said status display.

9. The image capturing device of claim 8, wherein said memory further includes a user-settable display enable variable that enables and disables said status display.

10. The image capturing device of claim 8, wherein said status display control device comprises a four-way rocker switch that controls horizontal and vertical movements of said status display within said camera-back display.

11. The image capturing device of claim 8, wherein said status display control device comprises a five-way rocker switch that controls horizontal and vertical movements of said status display within said camera-back display, with said five-way rocker switch further comprising a center press input switch that toggles an enable state of said status display when pressed.

12. A status information display method for an image capturing device, comprising the steps of:

- providing a camera-back display located on a back region of a main body of said image capturing device;
- providing a movable status display within said camera-back display; and
- providing a status display control device that controls a position of said status display within said camera-back display;

wherein said status display displays one or more status information items relating to operational parameters of said device.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein said status display displays said one or more status information items within said camera-back display in a picture-in-picture format.

14. The method of claim 12, wherein said status display control device accepts horizontal movement inputs and correspondingly moves said status display within said camera-back display.

15. The method of claim 12, wherein said status display control device accepts vertical movement inputs and correspondingly moves said status display within said camera-back display.

16. The method of claim 12, wherein said status display control device accepts center press inputs and toggles a status display enable state.

17. The method of claim 12, wherein said status display displays a flash mode status information.

18. The method of claim 12, wherein said status display displays a battery status information.

19. The method of claim 12, wherein said status display displays an image resolution status information.

20. The method of claim 12, wherein said status display displays a number of captured images.

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